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The only representative of the class of '10 is Gen. Wm. K. Fuller, who is also a lawyer. One would not suppose that the law was a profession conducive of longevity, yet here we have the two oldest living graduates of that profession. C. Nov. 1880.

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Gen. Wm. K. Fuller, of Schenectady, is now the oldest living graduated of Union. He is a lawyer.

C. May 1882.

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Gen. William K. Fuller, of Schenectady, is now the oldest living graduate of Union College. Having completed the regular course of study in Schenectady Grammar School, he was admitted into the Freshman class of Union College when but thirteen years of age. In 1814 Mr. Fuller was admitted to the bar as a lawyer. His success in acquiring so much of the "wherewith" testifies of his ability as a business man.....

C. May 1883.

Gen. William Kendall Fuller, who died early this week, was a direct descendant of Samuel Fuller who came over in the Mayflower. He was one of 14 children, ten sons and four daughters, and was the oldest of those who arrived at their majority. Nine of the sons—all who survived to attain manhood, were graduates of Union College and at the time of his death, Gen. Fuller was the oldest living alumnus of that institution. In politics he was a Democrat.

The house in which Gen. Fuller lived at 2 Church street is one of the oldest in the Mohawk Valley and is one of five that escaped destruction at the time of the burning of Schenectady by the French and Indians on that winter's night attack in February, 1689. It is known as the Vrooman house, having been owned and occupied by Adam Vrooman at that time. A picture representing the burning of the city and showing the Vrooman house is in the possession of ex-Judge Austin A. Yates. The exterior of the building has undergone some slight changes, but in the interior the construction remains very much as it was two centuries ago. Fall-1933 (J. Yates)

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Judge Fuller was one of the directors of, and a stockholder on the Madison County turnpike road, which passed through Peterboro and connected the Seneca road at Chittenango, with the Cherry Valley road at Madison. He was also one of the directors, and the secretary and treasurer of the "side cut," from Chittenango to the Erie Canal, which was completed under his superintendence, simultaneously with the middle section of the Erie, at a much less cost than the capital subscribed.

Judge Fuller has for many years been a resident of Schenectady, his native place. Although he has reached the advanced age of 80 years, and is somewhat infirm physically, yet his heart is still young, his spirits buoyant, his well cultivated mind remarkably clean and strong.

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1810 William K. Fuller

Was born in Schenectady, November 24, 1792, and graduated from Union College. He studied law with Henry and John B. Yates, was admitted to the bar in 1814 and thereupon formed a partnership with John B. Yates. With him he went first to Utica in the summer of 1814, and thence to Chittenango in the spring of 1816. He at once opened an office, but in succeeding years his practice was largely given up to other pursuits. He was an able and well-read attorney, and also an excellent surveyor. He was appointed district attorney of Madison County in March, 1831, and adjutant on the staff of Gov. Yates. He was a member of Assembly from this county in 1829-1830, and representative in Congress from 1833 to 1837. Gen. Fuller subsequently returned to the family homestead in Schenectady where he died.

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CLASS OF 1810

WILLIAM K. FULLER

In the summer of 1818, two lawyers from Schenectady settled in Utica, and after a residence of nearly two years removed to Chittenango. These were John B. Yates and William K. Fuller. The former had been already seven years at the bar, had served as a captain in the campaign of 1813, had been elected a member of the fourteenth United States Congress, and was enjoying a well deserved reputation as an able lawyer, when he took up his brief stay in Utica.

Mr. Fuller, who was but just admitted to the practice of the Supreme Court, served while here as Master of Chancery and as attorney of the Oneida and Stockbridge Indians. Both of them in the place they selected as their subsequent home, filled important positions and rendered invaluable service, and in the history of Madison county their career is more amply detailed.

Apropos of one of Mr. Fuller's offices, while in Utica, this incident is related: An Indian called one day at his place of business and inquired for him. Mr. Fuller was pointed out to the inquirer as one of the group of gentlemen on the opposite side of the street in front of the Utica Insurance office. The Indian approached him, when the following conversation ensued: "Are you Mr. Fuller?" "Yes; what can I do for you?" "A man trespassed on my land." "Who was the man; was he an Indian?" "No." "Was he a negro?" "No." "Was he a white man?" "No." "And pray what was he, if he was neither an Indian, negro, nor a white man?" "A Dutchman." As Mr. Fuller was from the old town of Durip, and was Dutch in his maternal ancestry, and himself passed for a Dutchman, the reply was much relished by his companions.

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## WILLIAM K. FULLER

He was born in Schenectady, N. Y., on the 24th day of November, 1792. His father, Jeremiah Fuller, on his father's side was a lineal descendant of Samuel Fuller, one of the Puritans who landed from the ship Mayflower, at Plymouth Rock in 1620; and on the side of his mother, of one of the Holland families that founded Schenectady. The mother of William K. Fuller, Mary Kendall, was born in Yorkshire, England, and came to this country with her father and brother about the year 1787. Mr. Fuller was educated in the schools of his native place; he graduated at Union College, studied law in the office of Henry and John B. Yates and was admitted to practice in the Supreme Court in the year 1814. Shortly after his admission, he entered into partnership with John B. Yates. In the summer of 1814 they moved to Utica, Oneida Co., opened an office and practiced law there until the spring of 1816, when they removed to Chittenango, then a village of about 100 inhabitants. During his residence in Utica he was appointed Master in Chancery, attorney for the Oneida, Stockbridge and Brothertown Indians, and Quartermaster of a regiment of militia. While a resident of Chittenango, he was appointed to and executed the duties of the following offices and trusts; namely:-Justice of the Peace twice, Town Clerk, Postmaster, Aid-de-Camp to the General of Brigade with the rank of Major, Division Inspector with the rank of Colonel, Attorney for Madison County, Adjutant General of the State of New York, Commissioner under the acts to drain the great Canaseraga marsh, Supervisor twice, Commissioner of Highways, Judge of the Madison County Court of Common Pleas, School Trustee, Member of Assembly twice in succession (1829 and 30), and twice in succession a Member of Congress from the Twenty-Third District composed of the counties of Madison and Onondaga. He gave up the practice of law in 1823. Early in that year he was appointed Adjutant General by Governor Yates, serving through his administration and six months under Gov. Clinton, his successor in office being unable to assume its duties. Gov. Clinton issued "a general order" complimentary of his service as Adjutant General and caused it to be published in the State paper. His last term in Congress ended March 3, 1837. Since that time he has paid very little attention to matters of public concern. Up to 1852 his time was given to his own affairs and to the settlement of the large estate of his deceased friend and former partner, Hon. John B. Yates, of whose will he was one of the executors. Soon after the settlement of that estate, he became interested in property in Canada, and thenceforth his time has been divided between that country and his native State.

Judging from the present state of politics, one might imagine from the foregoing, not knowing his character, he had not only been an office-holder, but an office-seeker. Such a conjecture, however, would be far from the truth; not of of the whole number was conferred through the least effort, solicitation or expenditure of money on his part.



## CLASS OF 1810

### WILLIAM K. FULLER

The pioneer lawyer of Chittenango was William K. Fuller, who was born in Schenectady, November 24, 1792, and educated in the schools of his native place, graduating at Union College. He read law with Henry and John B. Yates, and after his admission in 1814 formed a law partnership with the latter, with whom, in the summer of 1814, he removed to Utica, and thence to Chittenango in the spring of 1816. Here he opened a law office on the site of the residence of William Blair, near the unionschool building, but never practiced to any considerable extent after that was burned. He was an able lawyer and an accomplished surveyor, and though to some extent he employed his talents in both these avocations after he had ceased to practice them professionally, his services for many years of his residence here were wholly gratuitous. He was the honored recipient of numerous civil and military offices both during his residence here and previously. Besides holding many minor offices, he was appointed District Attorney of Madison County, March 26, 1821; Adjutant General on the Staff of Gov. Yates in 1823, having previously held the intermediate grades from the rank of Captain. He was a Member of Assembly from Madison County in 1829 and 1830, and a Representative in Congress from 1833 to 1837. Some years since Gen. Fuller returned to his paternal homestead in Schenectady, where he still resides in venerable bachelorhood.

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